

Remarks.—We note with pleasure the excellent condition in which both the home and the jail are kept. The officials in charge deserve special commendation, and we trust that such is the case in other counties of our State. Since our last report the several institutions therein mentioned have steadily pursued their good work, and have prospered as they deserved. We feel justly proud of the labors of Christian love which center in this town.

CITY REFORMATORY FOR UNFORTUNATE WOMEN.

During the past year an addition has been made to the local charities in the establishment of a city reformatory for unfortunate girls and women. This has involved but slight expense, to wit: the employment of a police matron at a salary of \$20 per month. The effect has been excellent in providing a suitable prison for these poor girls where they can be subjected to discipline, and at the same time experience the loving and affectionate counsel of a truly Christian woman. Thus the city authorities have been able in some degree to suppress the nuisance of lewd women on the streets, to control to some extent disorderly houses, and it is hoped to help some poor fallen creature in the hard path toward regaining virtue.

The work done has chiefly been the making of clothing for county convicts, and at a low valuation it has equalled the cost entailed upon the city. We will report more in detail as to the success of this effort hereafter.

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME.

This Institution has proved by experience its great value, and the excellency of the act of its incorporation. The number of inmates now is 45, about equally divided as to sex. The health is excellent. Many have been provided with good homes in the county. The persons to whom they are indentured make regular and satisfactory reports. Monthly *per capita* expense of each child in the home is \$3.50, for all expenses. No child is received whose parents can care for it properly, and we trust that the effect will be realized in coming years, when we have many good citizens, adding to prosperity, who, but for this rescue from degradation in infancy, would probably have grown up criminals, entailing expense and dishonor upon the community. It seems scarcely necessary that we should urge Christian men and women to care for these unfortunate little ones, so we merely refer the Board to the act of the Legislature of 1893, incorporating our home, and ask that it may urge at the next session of the General Assembly, the passage of a general act, leaving it discretionary with Commissioners of the several counties, whether similar ones shall be established throughout the State.

Asheville, May 17, 1894.

SECOND REPORT.

There are now 31 inmates in the county home—5 white males, 7 colored males; 17 white females, 2 colored females. Since last report, 3 deaths—1 white male, 3 white females.